

MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL-REGULAR MEETING-SEPTEMBER 23, 2002

The Mansfield Town Council was called to order by Mayor Elizabeth Paterson at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Haddad, Hawkins, Holinko, Paterson, Rosen, Schaefer, Martin (arrived at 7:35 p.m.) and Thorkelson (arrived at 8:10 p.m.)

Absent: Bellm

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to approve the minutes of September 9, 2002 with one correction "If the dam does not hold and there is damage will the University be responsible?"

So passed unanimously.

III. PUBLIC HEARING 7:32p.m.1. Proposed Fee Schedule Revision-Various Land Use Permits

No comments from the public. Hearing was closed at 7:33 p.m.

IV. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL

Diane Nadeau, President of Tri-Town Football and Cheerleaders, urged Council to permit use of signs at the parks to recognize sponsors of the various sports. She assured the Council that they would not choose any sponsor, which was not appropriate, ie. Liquor stores. Since the group is a private organization it can be selective as to its sponsors and refuse those that do not reflect the moral standards of the organization.

V. OLD BUSINESS2. Proposed Fee Schedule Revision-Various Land Use Permits

Greg Padick, Town Planner, answered questions of the Council. The Council inquired how much more revenue will these fees bring in to the Town? Town Planner explained that the fees had not been increased for ten years and he could not be specific as to the increase.

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Rosen seconded to adopt the Fee Schedule Revision for Various Land Use Permits, to be effective 21 days after the Town Clerk's publication of the amendments in a newspaper having circulation in the Town of Mansfield, as recommended by the Town Planner in his memorandum dated September 5, 2002.

So passed unanimously.

3. 2003 CCM Legislative Program

Mr. Schaefer moved and Mr. Martin seconded to authorize the Town Manager to present staff's recommendations to the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities for inclusion in its 2003 Legislative Program.

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Martin seconded to add to the list Public Safety, support for a capital improvement program for Regional Fire Schools. This was outlined in a letter to the Council from Mr. Hawkins.

Motion so passed.

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to support adequate funding of the Operating Budgets for the State's Public Colleges and Universities.

Motion so passed.

Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to encourage the Connecticut Department of Transportation to be more flexible to the needs of municipalities and residents with respect to the department's design parameters.

Motion so passed.

Main motion passed with three items added.

4. Appointees to the Mansfield Downtown Partnership Board of Directors

Mr. Holinko moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to nominate Mr. Alan Hawkins, Mr. Martin H. Berliner, and Mr. Chris Thorkelson to the Downtown Partnership's Board of Directors.

So passed unanimously. Mayor Paterson is an ex-officio member.

5. University Spring Weekend

No action taken. However, Mr. Rosen hopes that before one month before spring weekend, there will be in place some procedures to diminish the numbers of 10,000 plus students who congregate that weekend. Last year over 200 needed medical attention and this has a serious impact upon the residents. He asked if there were any legal avenues the Town could take to keep the numbers down. Also asked : What legal ramifications are there if someone is hurt? Is the Town at all responsible?

VI. NEW BUSINESS

6. MRRA, Proposed Amendments and fee Increases to Solid Waste Regulations

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn as the Town Council and convene as the MRRA.

So passed unanimously.

MRRA

Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Holinko seconded to approve the revisions to the Town of Mansfield Solid Waste Regulations as proposed by the Director of Public Works in his memorandum dated September 16, 2002, with an effective date of November 1, 2002 for bulky waste fees and January 1, 2003 for collection fees.

So passed unanimously.

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Martin seconded to adjourn at the MRRA and reconvene as the Town Council.

So passed unanimously.

7. Grant Application to Northeast Communities Against Substance Abuse (NECASA)

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Hawkins seconded to authorize the Town Manager to submit a grant application in the amount of \$3,300 to the Northeast Communities Against Substance Abuse, to fund substance abuse prevention programming.

So passed unanimously.

8. Planning and Zoning Referral-Open Space Dedication for Stephen Estates Subdivision

Mr. Thorkelson arrived at the Council meeting, 8:15 p.m.

No action taken. Question of the Town Planner on the lot sizes listed on map. Future information on this subdivision will be listed under communications.

9. Planning and Zoning Referral-Conservation Easement for Subdivision at Corner of Candide Lane and Stearns Road

No action taken. This item will be on future communications.

10. Mansfield Community Center-Preliminary Marketing Plan

Mr. Haddad moved and Mr. Holinko seconded to authorize the Town Manager to expend up to \$15,000 from the Recreation Program Fund to purchase phase one marketing services for the Community Center, as presented in the Enterprise Group's Preliminary Marketing Plan and Phase one Development Proposal dated September 2002.

Mr. Curt Vincente, Director of Parks and Recreation, discussed the center and the marketing plan proposal.

Motion so passed unanimously.

VII. QUARTERLY REPORTS

Quarterly reports were distributed. Discussion on them will be held over until next meeting.

VIII. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

IX. REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel will meet during executive session.

X. REPORTS OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mayor Paterson attended the opening ceremony of Mt. Hope Park and the new Mt. Hope Bridge, which was held on Saturday on Rte. 89. Many attended and the new Park is beautiful.

Mayor Paterson thanked the League of Women Voters for their hard work and dedication for such a successful Know Your Town Fair held on Saturday, Sept. 14. She also thanked Carol Peterson for her work on the UConn tent and the many tables which presented different University of Connecticut departments and activities. This Annual program is a great partnership with the University, which comes into the Town and participates.

On Sunday there was a presentation by the Greek Society of Greek Music at the Van Der Mehdan Hall.

Chris Thorkelson was late to the Council meeting as he was attending a meeting on the Full corridor plan 1-395 transportation Investment Area regarding the expressway from Hartford to Providence. The Town Council has gone on record opposing such a project.

XI. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Downtown Partnership will be having its annual meeting on the 26th at 5:00 p.m. at Zenny's. Restaurant in Mansfield.

Manager will schedule a time for the Council to tour the Community Center.

The Town Manager, Curt Vincente, Director of Parks and Recreation, Jeff Smith, Director of Finance and Mr. Matt Hart, Assistant Town Manager, traveled to Ridgefield and viewed the Community Center in that town which will be completed in December. Lots of good ideas were gathered from this trip. At a future meeting of the Community Center the Director from Ridgefield will be invited to give a presentation to the Committee.

The Community Center Project is fairly much on schedule; the pool will be poured this week. There was a slight delay in the beginning due to ledge.

XII. FUTURE AGENDAS

Center Street Signage

Size of Speed Bump Signs

XIII. PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

11. Public Act No. 02-3, "An Act Concerning 21st Century UConn"
12. Conservation Commission re: Maplewoods Subdivision
13. G. Padick re: Request for Bond Release, Quail Run, Vinton Woods Subdivision
14. L. Hultgren re: Improvements to Route 89 Near Mt. Hope Road in Mansfield
15. Windham Regional Council of Governments(WINCOG)

Re: Improvements on Route 89, Mansfield, near Mt. Hope Road

16. G. Padick re: Plan of Conservation and Development Citizen Committee Meeting
17. US Department of Agriculture re: Rural Business Opportunity Grant
18. Hellenic Society Paideia re:Classical Theater Project
19. J. Zulick re: Mansfield Response to Incident at Westford Hill Road in Ashford
20. Lands of Unique Value-Final Public Presentation
21. Permit to Conduct Activities at the Separatist Road Detention Basin

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:45 p.m. Mr. Hawkins moved and Mr. Martin seconded to go into Executive Session for the purpose of a Personnel matter and Open Space Acquisition.

At 9:34 p.m. the Council come out of Executive Session.

Mr. Rosen moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to award the Town Manager a 3.7 percent increase in salary retroactive to July 1, 2002.

So passed unanimously.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:35 p.m. Mr. Martin moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to adjourn the meeting.

So passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor
Joan E. Gerdson, Town Clerk